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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 7, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks. Claims 1-18 are pending in the application.

The Claims Patentably Define The Invention Over *Paulsen*.

Claims 1-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,055,575 to Paulsen, et al. ("Paulsen"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because *Paulsen* fails to teach or suggest all the features of the recited claims. For example, claim 1 recites a method for controlling access to a network resource, comprising "receiving at a network node, a request to assume the identity of the network node" and "providing the network resource with the identity of the network node in place of the identity of the user." *Paulsen's* method fails to teach or suggest these features because, at a minimum, *Paulsen* fails to disclose a network node that receives a request to assume the identity of the network node, as required by claim 1.

Paulsen describes a method of connecting a remote client to a private data network. In the Office Action, the Examiner seems to imply that an existing node (or host computer) in